

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 30, and 31 have been canceled herewith, without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application to these Claims.

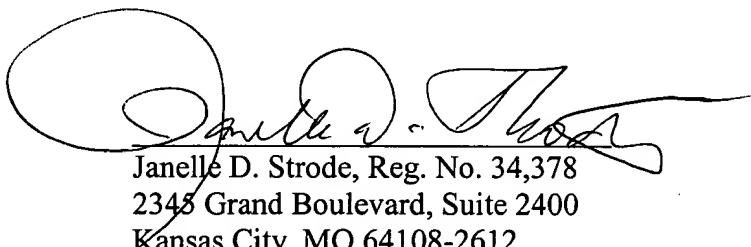
Claims 22, 24, 27, and 29 have been allowed. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of said Claims.

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-14, 16-21, 25, 26, 28, 30, and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Morris *et al.* Applicants respectfully submit this rejection has been rendered moot in light of the instant amendment wherein said claims have been canceled. Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 11 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Morris *et al.* Applicants respectfully submit this rejection has been rendered moot in light of the instant amendment wherein said claims have been canceled. Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.

Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,
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